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ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fifteenth Annual U.S. Army International Sniper Competition

1. **GENERAL:** The United States Army Sniper Course (USASC) will host the 2015 U.S. Army International Sniper Competition (ISC) at Fort Benning, GA (FBGA). The event will take place 18-23 October 2015 and will consist of numerous day and night courses of fire to physically and mentally challenge sniper teams from all branches of service as well as select international teams and law enforcement agencies.
2. **PURPOSE:** The ISC is a combat focused competition that seeks to test a sniper team's ability to communicate and make decisions under stress and fatigue, challenge comfort zones of precision marksmanship capability and training methodology, and share information and lessons learned regarding sniper operations, tactics, techniques, and equipment. Above all, the chief aim of this year's competition is to foster healthy competition and camaraderie within the sniper community.
3. **PARTICIPATION:** Each team must consist of two snipers, who are both required to provide the USASC with documented proof that they graduated from an accredited sniper training course. Examples include an Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) showing an ASI B4 or a graduation certificate. Law enforcement personnel must show a similar certificate or a prior military training certificate. The USASC has the final decision on the validity of presented documentation. English is the official language of the competition. The USASC is not responsible for providing translators for visiting international teams. Coaches are authorized in a limited capacity directed by USASC.
4. **REGISTRATION:** Teams must pre-register for the competition by 18 September 2015 (see Enclosure 2). After this date, the USASC will fill open slots on a first come, first served basis with respect to the invitation list (see Enclosure 1). To finalize registration, teams must check in at USASC Headquarters, Building 4883, 10440 Backstrom Road, Fort Benning, GA 31905. The registration window is open from 0900-1500 hours on 18 October 2015. There are no registration or administrative fees for participating.
5. **WEAPONS:** Each team member must bring a sniper rifle, a carbine, and a pistol (6 weapons total per team). The primary sniper may use a bolt or gas gun, but the primary spotter must use a gas gun. All sniper rifles must be chambered for 7.62mm NATO (.308 cal), all carbines must be chambered for 5.56mm NATO (.223 cal), and all pistols

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must be a minimum of 9mm. The USASC maintains a secure arms room with alarm system for the storage of weapons. Each team will be assigned a sensitive item storage locker and is required to provide a lock. Teams are also required to provide their own cleaning supplies and spare parts.

6. AMMUNITION: All teams are required to bring their own ammunition for the ISC as listed below. The only allowable projectiles are ball (to include M855), open tip match (OTM), or Boat Tail Hollow Point (BTHP). No armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary rounds are permitted. No type of hollow point pistol ammo is permitted. The USASC ammunition supply point is the storage location for competitor ammunition, and we recommend that teams place their ammunition in a locked ammo can that is clearly marked with the team's information. The USASC also recommends that international and OCONUS teams coordinate to ship their ammunition directly to the USASC HQ. The only approved shipping methods are FEDEX, UPS, or DHL. Contact the USASC prior to shipping any ammunition.

- a. 250 rounds per sniper rifle (500 per team) - 7.62mm NATO
- b. 150 rounds per carbine (300 per team) - 5.56mm NATO
- c. 150 rounds per pistol (300 per team) – minimum caliber is 9mm NATO

7. EQUIPMENT: Teams must provide their own organic sniper team equipment in order to conduct operations in day or night conditions. The USASC will not issue any equipment to teams. Please see the required and recommended packing list (Enclosure 3) for detailed information. The USASC will provide each team a wall locker to store all equipment, and teams are required to provide a lock.

8. UNIFORM: The authorized uniform for competitors is the ACU, OCP, or equivalent field uniform for other military branches, international teams, and law enforcement agencies. Teams must provide one Ghillie suit per person in order to conduct a woodland stalk. Teams must also bring a serviceable and complete duty uniform for the awards ceremony and other official events.

9. LODGING: Fort Benning lodging is available on post at Olsen Hall. Reservations can be made by contacting the main office at (706) 689-0067 ext. 2800 or 2538 or by completing an online reservation request at <http://www.benningmwr.com/forms/lodging-index.php>. The USASC also has access to limited barracks space for competitors on a first come, first served basis, but space is not guaranteed. If you require a barracks room, contact the USASC in advance to make a reservation.

10. TRAVEL: Teams are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to Fort Benning. The USASC recommends that competitors fly into the Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport. Fort Benning is located approximately 100 miles South of the airport. Competitors may rent a car in the baggage claim area. If competitors choose not to rent a car, they can utilize GROOME Transportation, which provides round trip

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transportation from the Atlanta Airport to Fort Benning. GROOME Transportation is located in the ground transportation area of the airport and can be reached via phone at 1-800-584-6735. Directions to the USASC are located in Enclosure 4.

11. TRANSPORTATION: Teams must provide their own transportation to and from Fort Benning as well as before and after competition events. The USASC will provide all teams with shuttles to and from the USASC HQ and ranges for all events. Coaches must provide their own transportation to and from ranges and training areas if they wish to follow along with their team(s).

12. VISITORS: Professional associates of the competitors and members of a team's chain-of-command are welcome to attend the competition. All visitors must sign in at the 1-29 Infantry Regiment Headquarters prior to attending an event. Visitors are not allowed to assist competitors in any way. The USASC requests that units notify MCoE immediately if a General Officer from their installation plans to attend any portion of the competition.

13. MEDIA: Various members of the post, local, and national media are expected during the competition. Media personnel must be vetted through the MCoE Public Affairs Office (PAO) prior to the event. All competitors must complete a media release form during registration and notify the USASC if they elect not to be interviewed, filmed, or photographed.

14. AWARDS AND BANQUET: There will be an official opening ceremony on 19 October and final awards ceremony on 23 October hosted by the Infantry School and/or MCoE. The Army Sniper Association (ASA) will host an off post banquet/social for the competitors on the evening of 23 October. The dress code for this event is business casual/smooths. Banquet attendance is free and highly encouraged, but not mandatory. The USASC recommends that competitors make departure travel arrangements for after 1200 hours on Saturday, 24 October 2015.

15. All information in this memorandum is subject to change. All changes will be reflected on the MCoE website (<http://www.benning.army.mil/>) as needed. The USASC POCs for the 2015 International Sniper Competition are listed below.

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